



Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School & Nursery

A Caring Community Where All Can Flourish



*'Through God's love, we are the rich soil
where roots grow and seeds flourish.'*

Luke 8:4-15



Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy but fulfilling week in school this week. Every day we have had something different happening – I think it is the same every day until the summer break now actually! We are just looking forward to it feeling a little more like the summer term and warming up soon. Our children have represented our school exceptionally well all week whether it is on day trips, sports events or residential.

We have also had our younger children sit their Phonics Screening Test this week, hopefully without realising! At the same time, our Year 4 children have had their Multiplication Check this week too. We have been very proud of the attitude of both year groups and pleased that they have all completed these just as part of their normal lessons.

It was lovely to see so many prospective Reception parents at our Open Evening on Monday. Thank you all for coming and I do hope you found it useful. Please feel free to ask any questions at all if there is anything you are unsure about. September will be here before we know it!

We have 6 very lucky children currently enjoying life in Montreal. They left on Wednesday and are enjoying over 26°C heat and sunshine whilst practising their French buying pastries and ice cream. We do appreciate the staff giving up their own time and making all these residential possible. Unlike many businesses and other lines of work, staff accompany children on all residential for no recompense at all. They do not receive any financial incentives or time off in lieu, even though they are responsible for children 24/7. Staff are keen to accompany your children as they enjoy spending time with your children and the impact they have on their independence and resilience.

Our Year 5&6 Boys Football Team enjoyed a wonderful day on Monday completing all their football league games in one day. They played exceptionally well, were great sportsmen and amazingly won the league! This is a great achievement and testament to their skill and team work. Well done to them all. This was followed by some of our children representing our school in the Durham Dash at Beamish Museum. The place was packed and our children were once again, amazing ambassadors for our school. Fenn managed to win a silver medal in his race too – well done – and very well-deserved! We just need to wait to see how our Year 6 Boys get on in the cricket tournament today!

We are welcoming back Mrs Carley Clark on Monday after her maternity leave. It is quite frightening how quickly that time goes. We are thrilled to have her back with us though – welcome back Mrs Clark!

Walking Bus Sign Up

This will only take place on Thursday due to Tuesday being Wheels Day. Please complete the form by Wednesday 19th June at 4pm if you would like your child to be part of this again: [Walking Bus Form](#)

Etika Sample Jumpers

Etika has dropped in some sample sizes of their jumpers and hoodies for your child to try on in preparation for ordering uniform for September. They are in touch with their manufacturer to get some larger sizes made available (the current largest size is Junior), and we will let you know once they have them available. Please feel free to come and try on the samples with your child.

Unauthorised Absences for Holidays from September

New rules for September 2024 re: unauthorised absences - fixed penalty notices can be issued from September for 5 days or more absence (10 sessions) in a 10-week rolling period. This is changing from 7 days or more (14 sessions) in a 12-week rolling period. Please see the attached information from Durham County Council.

Lunch Pattern Reminder

As you are aware, all lunch choices are now selected in your child's Arbor account. This system seems to be working quite well however there are still a couple of glitches that we are working through. Can we please remind everyone that we cannot support a mixed lunch pattern due to the number of children in our school and our provision ordering system. Children must either have a packed lunch or school meal each day. If your child is on school dinners, can we also remind you to check you have selected a meal choice for **each day** on Arbor as there have been a couple of incidences where children have not had a meal choice selected for them on a particular day which can lead to confusion and the children getting a meal they wouldn't necessarily have chosen. Thanks for your help.

Year 6 Outstanding Arrears

As our Year 6 children approach their final weeks with us at Lanchester EP, can we politely ask that you check your Arbor account regularly over the coming weeks to ensure that any outstanding balances are cleared for dinner money, wrap around care and school trips? If you pay for your childcare using vouchers or tax-free child care, please ensure these payments are made before Monday 1st July to cover until the end of term. This allows us time to process them and attribute them to your Arbor account. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Overnight Camp in School Field

Let's hope the weather is kind to our 200 campers on the school field tonight! A huge thank you must go to the Friends of the School for all their hard work that has gone into organising such a lovely event. Everyone is looking forward to it and I know a great time will be had by all. Look out for the photos on Twitter!

Friends of Lanchester EP Primary School

The Friends are looking for more parent/carer volunteers to help enrich our school community whilst making memories for our children. With a variety of events planned for next academic year we hope to encourage anyone who has a little or a lot of time to join.

Please sign up at: <http://bit.ly/3X7L7Qs> or email: friendsoflanchesterep@gmail.com for more information.

Non-Uniform Day in Aid of the Summer Fair

On Friday 5th July we will be having a non-uniform day in school in exchange for a donation for the summer fair. As usual, we ask that children bring a gift on that day (chocolates, toiletries etc) and wear whatever they want on this day.

New Teacher and New Classes

I am delighted to inform you that we appointed Miss Rebecca Watt as our new teacher who will be starting in September. She will be coming in over the next few weeks to get to know her new class and our routines. I know she is really looking forward to starting with us.

Our current Reception classes will find out today which class they are going into next year. Please remember that we mix the children every two years. There are a large number of reasons why we place children either together or not. The adults know the children very well and who would benefit from being apart, those who would work well together as well as trying to have a balance of boys, girls and abilities.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority. We will always act upon any concerns individuals have, or any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call First Contact on: 03000 267979.

Attendance

Reception	97.2%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	97.3%

Diary Dates for Next Week

Monday 17th June 2024 – Year 4 at Tynemouth Aquarium

The children should come to school in their uniform and with a packed lunch. They will return to school in time for the end of the school day. I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy their day and tell you all about it!

Tuesday 18th June 2024 – Wheels Day for Nursery – Year 6

This is our postponed event from Fun and Fitness Week – let's hope that the weather is kind to us on Tuesday! Remember, all children can bring a wheeled-item into school for the day. Children MUST have a helmet for bikes/scooters/go karts. They will not be allowed to ride them on school premises without them. Please do not send your child with roller skates, rollerblades or hoverboards as they will not be allowed to use them due to health and safety concerns.

Nursery and Reception children – leave bikes etc at the front of the school, along the fences.

Year 1 – 4 children – leave bikes etc at the back of the school – they will be directed where on the day.

Year 5 children – please leave bikes etc down the side of the school building – come through the car park, next to the MUGA and put them down the side.

Year 6 children – please leave bikes on the MUGA

Tuesday 18th June 2024 -Year 6 Bike Ride

Year 6 will enjoy their bike ride on Tuesday. We aim to leave school around 9.30am and head along the railway line towards Malton and onto Broom Park where we will have lunch. All children will need to wear appropriate clothing and bring plenty of liquids and a packed lunch as well. Please fill in [this form](#) to let us know if your child will be taking part in the bike ride and if you would like to join us – the more the merrier!

Wednesday 19th June 2024 – Nursery Group Photographs

All Nursery children will have their photographs taken in their groups on Wednesday. It would be lovely to have them all in their uniform in preparation for this. Thank you.

Thursday 20th June 2024 – Nursery Wheels Day

Nursery will enjoy a second wheels day on Thursday for the end of the week children so that they don't miss out! Please refer to the information above as the same will apply for all children on this day.

Thursday 20th June 2024 – Music Concert

We are hosting a musical extravaganza on Thursday morning with all our Woodwind and Brass pupils performing together at 9am on Thursday in the Junior Hall. This is open to all parents and carers and will be a wonderful showcase for all our pupils who are taught by Durham Music Service. Please come along and support them all.

Friday 21st June 2024 – Magic Flute Performance

This is going to be a wonderful experience for our choir members and know that they will all thoroughly enjoy the day. All children need to be in school for 8.05am in full school uniform and with a packed lunch. The children will be back into school between 3.15 – 3.30pm. It is unfortunate that parents cannot attend this event but please remember that you will be treated to this at our concert on Tuesday 16th July.

Sunday 23rd June 2024 – Year 5 Leave for PGL

The bus leaves for PGL at 8am on Sunday morning so please be outside school for 7.45am on Sunday morning. Please remember that the children need to be able to carry their own bags so pack lightly! They all need a sleeping bag and pillow as well. I am sure they will all be looking forward to it now. It really is a wonderful residential and the weather might even be slightly improved by then too!

SEND News

Durham County Council has been informed this week that it will be receiving an inspection from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission. This is to inspect the local arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The Inspectors want to know about the help and support that children and young people with SEND in County Durham get. You can tell them by filling in a survey. What you tell them will be treated in confidence.

There are separate surveys for children and young people with SEND and parents and carers of a child or young person with SEND.

Please note that this is an inspection of the help and support that children and young people with SEND receive from Durham County Council, not specifically our school.

If your child has special educational needs or disabilities, please [click here](#) to complete the survey. The survey link will be open from 10 June 2024 to 9am on 18 June 2024.

Mr McLoughlin

Early Years News

We would like to invite Nursery families to our end of year celebrations on Wednesday 17th July. Sessions will run from 10am – 11am and 1:30pm - 2:30pm. Expect songs and stories, campfire fun, pocket money stalls and a chance to celebrate your child's time with us, whether it is the end of their time with us in Nursery or they have another year to go. There is no need to sign up for sessions - all are welcome. The only thing we ask is that you keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

We have been thrilled to welcome some of our September starters to our free playgroup, Lanchester Little'uns, held on Tuesday and Fridays afternoons from 1:30pm-2:30pm. Hopefully, this is a gentle way to introduce the children to each other and the staff, and for parents to also make some connections. As the weather has been poor this week, we have held sessions in the Nursery Rainbow Room. This has worked perfectly, so we intend to continue this going forward, with the last part of the session being held in our outdoor area. We still have spaces available if there are any other families who would like to join for any of these sessions.

The children in Reception have asked me to request that if anyone has spare birdseed at home that they would like to donate, they would be very grateful. We have some hungry birds who like to visit the feeders just outside the Reception classrooms and we are running out of food for them all! Please remember that we are nut-free school.

Miss Butler

Key Stage One News

It has been an action-packed week in Key Stage 1. Year 1 have been doing some excellent writing based on Rapunzel and Year 2 have completed some fantastic writing based on Grace Darling. Both classes have been learning about time in Maths. Year 1 have been learning to tell the time to the hour and half hour whilst Year 2 have been learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

Year 1 had a fantastic time launching rockets in Science this week, we are looking at forces and we measured how far we could push a rocket across the field.

Year 2 enjoyed a walk around the village this week in RE, looking at churches in the village and their features.

Phonics Screening

As you may have been aware, this week all of the children in Year 1 have completed their phonics screening check. The screening tests are now finished, the children have worked so hard and I am so proud of how

they have done. Thank you for all the support with reading and phonics this year, it really makes a huge difference when parents support their child's reading at home.

Mr Innes

Key Stage Two News

We are now at the end of the second week of the half term and the children have settled back into the routines of school. The first two weeks have flown by! During the last week, our Year 6 children have enjoyed a visit to the Forbidden Corner and have dissected owl pellets with Captain Chemistry, whilst Year 3 spent a day at Jarrow Hall finding out about Anglo Saxon life. It has also been a very busy sporting week with children taking part in the netball league, the Durham Dash and the Year 5 and 6 football league competition. There is never a quiet week in Key Stage 2!

Key Stage 2 Class Novels

Each year group has started reading a new novel linked to their topic.



All children in our Key Stage 2 classes use these texts to take part in whole-class shared reading lessons. We teach comprehension skills using the reading domains from the National Curriculum. These are taught to children through our VIPERS approach to reading (vocabulary, infer, predict, explain, retrieve and summarise.)

Why not ask your child about their whole class book and how they are using it to learn about their topics?

Mr Andrew Knighton

Other Up-Coming Events/Information

Class and Year 6 Leavers Photographs – Friday 28th June.

Don't forget our class and Year 6 Leavers photographs will be taken on Friday 28th June. All children will need to wear school uniform into school for this, and Year 6 children will need to bring their leavers' hoodies as well.

LJG Sports Coaching Holiday & Football Camp Dates

LJG Sports Coaching will be hosting Holiday & Football Camps at Lanchester EP Primary School during the first two weeks of the Summer Holidays. Holiday Camp will be running from Monday 22nd July – Friday 2nd August, and Football Camp will be taking place on 23rd – 25th July and 30th July – 1st August. In addition to this, Mr Graham will also be running Holiday Camp at Consett Rugby Club from Monday 5th – Friday 16th August. To sign up for any of these dates, please use the following links:

[Holiday Camp](#)

[Football Camp](#)

New Diary Dates

Please refer to the Diary Dates for an up-to-date and comprehensive list of all the activities that are on this half term, including some new dates and the dates of the postponed events from Fun and Fitness Week as well.

Positive Thinking

***FEAR has two meanings.
Forget Everything and Run or Face Everything and Rise.
The choice is yours.***

As always, if there is anything at all you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes,

Jane Davis

Mrs Jane Davis

(Head Teacher)



Lanchester Endowed Parochial Primary School



DIARY DATES for Summer

Friday 14 th June 2024	Overnight	Overnight Camp in School Field
Monday 17 th June 2024	All Day	Year 4 at Tynemouth Aquarium
Tuesday 18 th June 2024	All Day	Wheels Day for Reception - Year 6
Tuesday 18 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 Cycle Ride
Tuesday 18 th June 2024	All Day	Nursery Wheels Day for am, Mon-Wed & Owls
Wednesday 19 th June 2024	Afternoon	Montreal Trip Return Home
Thursday 20 th June 2024	9am	Brass and Woodwind Concert
Thursday 20 th June 2024	All Day	Nursery Wheels Day for pm, Wed-Fri, Foxes & Rabbits
Friday 21 st June 2024	Afternoon	The Magic Flute and Royal Opera House Performance with Choir
Sunday 23 rd June 2024	8am	Year 5 Leave for PGL Residential
Monday 24 th June 2024	All Day	Consett Academy Transition Day for SEND Pupils
Tuesday 25 th June 2024	All Day	Consett Academy Transition Day for SEND Pupils
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	Afternoon	Year 5 Return from PGL Residential
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 at Consett Academy – Transition Day
Thursday 27 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 at Consett Academy – Transition Day
Thursday 27 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 at St Bede’s – Transition Day
Thursday 27 th June 2024	9.15am-11.15am	New Reception Induction Morning (those from other Nurseries)
Friday 28 th June 2024	All Day	Class & Year 6 Leavers Photos
Friday 28 th June 2024	2.30pm	Year 4 Ukulele Concert in School
Monday 1 st July 2024	Early Morning	Year 6 Depart for Northern Ireland Residential
Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	All Day	Year 5 Cycle Ride
Thursday 4 th July 2024	9.15am-11.15am	New Reception Induction Morning (those from other Nurseries)
Friday 5 th July 2024	All Day	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a gift for the Summer Fair
Saturday 6 th July 2024	Early Morning	Year 6 Return from Northern Ireland Residential
Week Beg. Monday 8th July 2024	All Week	Olympics Week
Monday 8 th July 2024	All Day	Performance at Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford
Monday 8 th July 2024	All Day	House Sports Events (postponed from Fun & Fitness Week)
Tuesday 9 th July 2024	All Day	Year 6 at Wolsingham School – Transition Day
Tuesday 9 th July 2024	All Day	Children return home from Stratford
Tuesday 9 th July 2024	All Day	RJB & Nursery am, MTW & Owls Trip to Roker Beach
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	All Day	Year 6 at Wolsingham School – Transition Day
Wednesday 10th July 2024	9.30am	Reception Sports Day
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	9.30am	Key Stage 1 Sports Day
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	1.30pm	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Thursday 11 th July 2024	All Day	Year 5 Beamish Visit
Thursday 11 th July 2024	All Day	RHL, Nursery pm, WTF & Rabbits Trip to Roker Beach
Friday 12 th July 2024	3.30pm – 6pm	Summer Fair and BBQ
Monday 15 th July 2024	9.30am – 11.15am	Induction Morning for All New Reception children

Monday 15 th July 2024	Morning	Moving Up Day for Whole School
Monday 15 th July 2024	3.30pm – 5pm	Parents' Evening Drop Ins
Monday 15 th July 2024	6.30pm – 9pm	Year 6 Social Evening
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	2.30pm	Teddy Bear's Picnic for New Reception Starters, including current Nursery moving to Reception.
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	6pm	Musical Concert in School
Wednesday 17 th July 2024	Morning & Afternoon	Nursery Celebrations
Thursday 18 th July 2024	1.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Service in All Saints Church
Friday 19 th July 2024	10am	Year 6 Leavers' Extravaganza Assembly
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	7.30am	New Academic Year Begins

School Holidays 2023 – 2024

Holiday	Last Day at School	Re-open for Teaching
Summer Holiday	Friday 19 th July 2024	Wednesday 4th September 2024

School Holidays 2024 – 2025

Holiday	Last Day at School	Re-open for Teaching
		Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Autumn Half Term	Friday 25 th October 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024
Long Weekend	Friday 22 nd November 2024	Tuesday 26 th November 2024
Christmas Holiday	Friday 20 th December 2024	Monday 6 th January 2025
Spring Half Term	Friday 21 st February 2025	Monday 3 rd March 2025
Easter Holiday	Friday 11 th April 2025	Monday 28 th April 2025
May Day	Friday 2 nd May 2025	Tuesday 6 th May 2025
Summer Half Term	Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Summer Holiday	Friday 18 th July 2025	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025

Fixed Penalty Notices for irregular attendance at school Important information for parents

1 Overview

Penalty notices are issued as an alternative to prosecution where parents have failed to ensure their child attends school regularly. They can be used in cases where absence has not been authorised by a head teacher.

The notices are used to prevent the need for court action, for example, when support has not been engaged with or is not appropriate (for example, leave of absence during term time). **Changes from September 2024 are shown below.**

2 Leave

Head Teachers are unable to grant leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation **would not** constitute an exceptional circumstance.

3 Absence

A Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued if there are **5 days / 10 sessions** of absence in a period of **10 school weeks** (where absence has not been authorised).

A notice may be issued where the 5-day level of absence has not been reached, for example, if there are several periods of leave.

4 Amount

Within a 3-year period:

The first penalty notice is **£160** if paid within 28 days, reduced to **£80** if paid within 21 days.

A second penalty notice is **£160** to be paid within 28 days.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued. **Legal action** may result (for example, prosecution).